

sporangia of *P. polycephalum* spreading away on leaves and twigs. It was a sight to be remembered by those not familiar therewith.

These trips are not so much for the purpose of obtaining a large number of specimens, although this is often the case with good conditions, but to instruct members in the field habits and life history of the Myxomycetes, and also teach them proper methods in seeking the fruiting bodies. When this knowledge has been acquired, it will be possible to find them in all suitable situations at the proper time. They are common and abundant although rarely collected by the untrained mycologist.

ROBERT HAGELSTEIN.

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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE CLUB

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 3, 1939

The meeting of the Torrey Botanical Club held at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden on October 3, 1939, was called to order by the President, Dr. Arthur H. Graves at 8.30 p.m.

Twenty-eight persons were present.

The following persons were elected to membership: *Annual*—Miss Clara Burghart, 419 Devon St., Kearny, N. J.; Dr. Alberto Castellanos, Museo Ciencias Naturales, Chubut 450, Buenos Aires, Argentina; Dr. Horacio R. Descole, Miguel Lillo 205, Tucuman, Argentina; Mr. Charles Ericson, 101 West 78th St., New York, N. Y.; Mr. Louis E. Hand, 8061 Fairview St., Holmesburg, Philadelphia, Pa.; Miss Edna J. Malone, 3045 Palisade Ave., New York, N. Y.; Prof. Henry Pittier, P. O. Box 255, Caracas, Venezuela; Dr. H. W. Rickett, New York Botanical Garden, Bronx Park, New York, N. Y.

*Associate*—Miss Dorothy Fell, Woodridge, N. J.; Mrs. Louis E. Hand, 8061 Fairview St., Holmesburg, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mr. William A. Happel, Scotch Plains, N. J.; Miss Suzanne Haupt, 222 Walnut St., Montclair, N. J.; Miss Dolores R. de M. Hunn, 1218 Prospect Ave., Plainfield, N. J.; Miss Mary E. Mitchell, 37-08 Bowne St., Flushing, N. Y.; Mrs. Lazella Schwarten, New York Botanical Garden, Bronx Park, New York, N. Y.; Miss Frieda Seemann, 611 Bailey Ave., Elizabeth, N. J.; Miss Louise W.

Taylor, 2685 Boulevard, Jersey City, N. J.; Mr. Arthur E. Woods, Cecil Lane, West Orange, N. J.

The resignation of Dr. Ralph R. Stewart, Gordon College, Rawalpindi, India, was reported and noted with regret.

The program consisted of vacation and collecting experiences of the club members and their friends.

After the program delightful refreshments were served by the Brooklyn Botanic Garden.

CLYDE CHANDLER  
Recording Secretary

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### NEWS NOTES

The Brooklyn Botanic Garden has been asked to send details of its plans and landscaping together with information as to its educational and scientific program to the Minister of Agriculture of Egypt. A new botanic garden to be established in connection with the King Fuad University of Cairo will be planned along the lines of the Brooklyn garden.

Mr. R. T. White, of the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Japanese Beetle Research Laboratories at Moorestown, N. J., has announced that experiments carried on since 1934 with spore-forming bacteria have been successful in destroying the beetles. As the bacteria will exist in soil almost indefinitely and infect any beetle larvae that develop there it seems to be the most effective and economical method of controlling the beetles.

Dr. William H. Brown, an authority on tropical plants and lecturer in botany at Johns Hopkins University, died in Baltimore on November 9. He was fifty-five years old. In 1911 he went to the Philippines as plant physiologist of the Bureau of Science. He was director of the Bureau from 1924 to 1933. He was the author of *Vegetation of the Philippine Mountains*, *A Text-book of General Botany*, and *The Plant Kingdom*.

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